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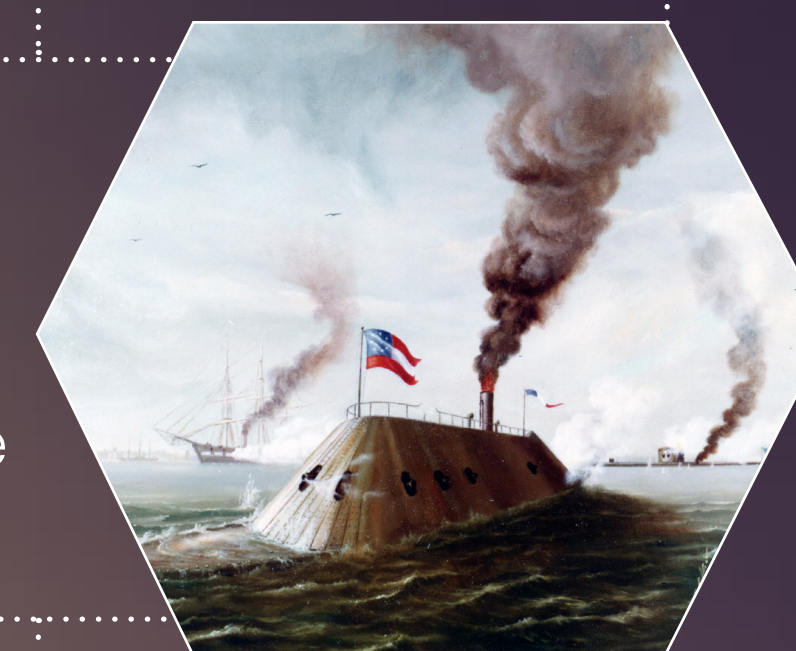
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OCTOBER 13

The U.S. Navy's birthdate is considered October 13, 1775, when the Continental Congress passed resolutions to purchase two armed ships and to establish a naval committee.



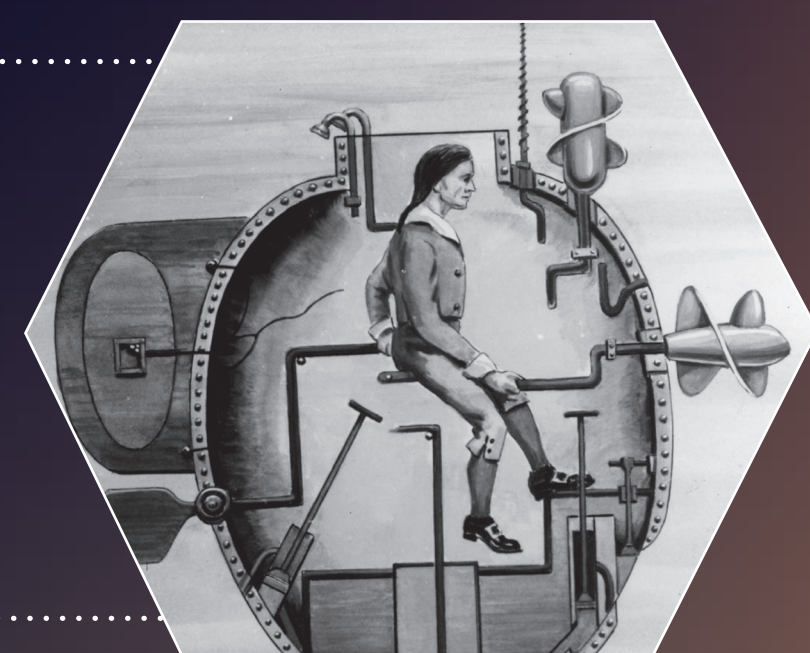
1862
MARCH 9

During the Civil War, USS Monitor and CSS Virginia batter each other at close range in Hampton Roads, Va., in the first battle of the ironclads.



1776
SEPTEMBER 7

Turtle, the first combat submarine, attacks HMS Eagle in New York Harbor.



1898
MAY 1

In the Battle of Manila Bay during the Spanish-American War, America's Navy liquidates the Spanish fleet and installations in the harbor without the loss of a single American life.



1797
OCTOBER 21

USS Constitution is launched and christened in Boston, Mass. Undeclared in battle and still in service today, she is the world's oldest commissioned warship afloat.



1907
DECEMBER 16

The Great White Fleet departs Hampton Roads, Va., to circumnavigate the world.



1804
FEBRUARY 16

Lt. Stephen Decatur enters Tripoli Harbor and burns the captured frigate Philadelphia without American losses.



1917
MARCH

As the U.S. nears entry into the World War, the door is opened for women to serve as yeomen.



1814
SEPTEMBER 11

The U.S. victory at the Battle of Lake Champlain during the War of 1812 ends the war's final British invasion.



1814
OCTOBER 29

The first steam-powered Navy warship, the frigate Fulton, is launched at New York City.



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